

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An adjustable candle holder (10) designed to accept candles (120) having diameters ranging from 0.188 to 0.75 inches (0.478 to 1.91 cm). The holder consists of a base (12) having attached a slider sleeve (26) that encloses a candle retaining assembly (45) that includes a candle concentric-gripping mechanism (78). When the slider sleeve (26) is in an upward, normal position, the mechanism (78) positions a set of candle gripping slats (80) in an inward configuration. Conversely, when the slider sleeve (26) is grasped and pulled downward, the slats (80) expand to allow the candle (120) to be inserted into a candle opening (52) located on the candle retaining assembly (45). After the candle (120) is inserted, the slider sleeve (26) is released which causes the candle gripping slats (80) to return to their inward configuration. In this configuration the slats (80) produce an inward force that securely holds and centers the candle (120) within the adjustable candle holder (10).